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Tequila

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The Didsbury Curling Rink looked warmer than it was when curlers donned outfits suited to warmer weather this weekend at the Red Eye Bonspiel. Heather Fleming, Gillian Fleming and Michelle Stinson give a pre-game cheer before their opening contest. Curlers compete throughout the night at the annual event.

Residents producing less garbage

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury's waste steam flows less than it used to after the implementation of roll-out carts the CEO of the Mountain View Regional Waste Authority stated last week.

Before roll-out carts were implemented Didsbury produced more garbage per capita than any surrounding municipalities. Early indications have shown a significant improvement, says Larry Nault.

"Before the carts were issued Didsbury was producing about 200,000 tonnes per month. Since the carts that number is closer to 100,000."

Nault said his numbers are based on a slower part of the year but said the difference is still staggering.

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Town taxes may rise in April say Councillors

No tax hikes in interim budget

by Richard Westlund

Didsburians shouldn't put too much faith in an interim budget that shows no tax increases, Councillor Clem Kuelker said at last week's regular Council meeting.

Kuelker made the comments after Council passed the interim budget - which allows Town administration to pay bills until an official budget is adopted.

The mil rates for Didsbury residents and businesses remained at 10 and 14 respectively.

But those numbers may rise when Town Council sets a mil rate in April.

"I want to make sure the general public isn't too optimistic about these numbers," said Kuelker.

Moments earlier in the meeting Town CEO Evan Parliament said if Council decided to raise the tax rate the money generated should go into replenishing reserves. He said reserves would allow the Town to borrow money against itself rather than banks in certain situa-

tions.

Councillor Harry Penner expressed concern about the budgeting process and said now was the time to put something away for the future.

"It seems we are just trying to break even from year to year to year and there is going to come a year that we aren't going to be able to meet."

Penner expanded on the one mill tax increase idea stating he would like to see an additional .5 mil tax increase to go towards fire and emergency services.

Parliament said the total growth of the Town last year

was seven per cent meaning the Town experienced record growth. Part of that growth is putting stress on the Town's resources.

Council will set the new mil rates on April 7 and tax notices are expected to be mailed out on April 25.

In an interview with the Review earlier this year Mayor Dorothy Moore eluded to a higher tax rate because of "increased pressures from increased costs and a need to replenish Town reserves."

"We have it in mind that residents like low taxes. If there is a raise this year, it will be ex-

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- Harry Penner,
Councillor

plained and it will be as moderate as possible," she said in early January.



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NEWS

Feedlot's future hinges on NRCB appeal result

*Owners and near
by residents wait
for decision*

by Richard Westlund

A Natural Resources Conservation Board panel will have to decide whether a feedlot east of Didsbury will impact water rights of neighbours or the environment after a three day appeal ended on Friday at Lone Pine Hall.

AAA Cattle Company was appealing the decision made last year to deny their application for a combined 2,000 head beef finisher and 16,200 feeder facility.

Four issues were up for discussion during the hearings - the largest being whether a feedlot of that size would have an adverse affect on local residents and whether a clay liner proposed by the company would be sufficient in protecting ground water sources. Also discussed was the proximity of the feedlot to local residences and the qualifications of a AAA Cattle Company-hired engineer.

AAA Cattle Company lawyer Keith Wilson said testimony given by witnesses throughout the hearing confirmed there was enough water for neighbours and a large feedlot. That statement echoed statements made by Alberta Environment wit-

nesses and Council that stated the organization was satisfied there was enough water for all parties.

Wilson said even if water supplies dwindled at neighbouring farms, Alberta Environment regulations would force the feedlot to either cut back on its water usage until the problem was fixed or drill a new well at their expense at the affected party's land.

Alberta Environment District Approvals Manager Brock Rush took the stand earlier in the hearing and said that household water users always have first priority to water sources. Those with permits are given rights after that. The order in which the permits are issued determines their priority, he said.

Wilson used those remarks in his closing argument along with statements about owners Simon Cobban and Gerry Morash's commitment to installing a \$30,000-plus computer system that would monitor well level at all times to show that items would be put in place to reassess local land owners.

Committee for Lone Pine lawyer Alex MacWilliams said members from the community al-

ready expressed, under oath, that they were being affected by the water used by the current operation.

The biggest item of contention at the hearing had to do with the liner below the feedlot pens and under the catchment site. Section 9-8 of the regulations act states a liner made of natural occurring substances, like clay, had to be at least one meter thick. AAA Cattle Company lawyers argued however, that Section 9-9 allowed the panel to approve an alternative liner as long as permeability standards were up to par.

Wilson said that a 10 centimetre liner under the pens and 24 centimetre liner under the catchments area proved to be thick enough in EBA laboratory results but that AAA Cattle Company owners were providing additional safety factors. The liners under the pens would be 30 cm thick and 60 cm thick under the catchment area under the feedlots plan.

He said to put an entire metre of clay under all parts of the feedlot requiring a liner would cost in excess of \$1 million.

"Thirty centimetres is not less than the protection standard. It is not even the stand-

"If that were true, wouldn't it also be true that with all of the feedlots in Alberta, that we would have wide-spread ground water contamination?"

- Keith Wilson, AAA Cattle Company's lawyer on the danger of feedlot fenceposts to liners

ard. It is three times the standard," said Wilson speaking of the liner for the corals.

Wilson also took exception to the argument made by Lone Pine witness and engineer Brian Kennedy who said fence posts could wreck a liner. When he was at the stand he likened the situation to sticking toothpicks into a bag of water.

"If that were true, wouldn't it also be true that with all of the feedlots in Alberta, that we would have wide-spread ground water contamination?" asked Wilson. MacWilliams told the panel the regulations for an alternate liner didn't include liners made out of clay and only applied to alternative liners. He asked why the one meter regulation would be included if company's could get around it.

MacWilliams also pointed out that in examining Cobban earlier in the week, he was surprised to find out the feedlot owner didn't know how thick the current liner at the site was. He said it was up to AAA Cattle Company to bring the entire site up to NRCB standards if they wanted to expand and since no plans were presented for the existing feedlot the application should be deemed incomplete and rejected once again.

A decision on the appeal is expected next week.

Correction

In the January 29 Didsbury Review story "Councilor says County amiss in AAA feedlot issue" a remark attributed to Reeve Ian Harvie about Council being its own worst enemy in how it dealt with a local feedlot in the past was incorrect. Harvie was not referring to Council but to AAA Cattle Company which had non-compliance issues under jurisdiction of the County and eventually the Natural Resources Conservation Board. The Review apologizes for the mistake.

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CRIME

Didsbury man jailed for sex assault on child

A 23-year-old Didsbury man, who repeatedly sexually assaulted an eight-year-old girl in his care over a period of months, has been jailed for three years.

Adam Fernando Bercier pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court to sexual assault before provincial court Judge Terry C. Semenuk on Dec. 2. He was sentenced in Calgary provincial court on Friday.

Bercier forced the victim to perform oral sex on numerous occasions while alone with the girl in 2001 and 2002, said

Crown prosecutor Danny Elliott.

The accused's lawyer, Brian Forestell, said the defence and Crown made a joint submission for the three year sentence.

The accused underwent extensive psychiatric evaluation prior to Friday's court sitting.

Bercier had been held in custody since August 2002.

A publication ban protects the victim's identity.

Bercier was handed a 10 year firearms prohibition, and was ordered to submit a DNA sample.

GARBAGE

The reason behind the decrease is simple. The carts have standardized the amount of garbage residents are able to throw out and have eliminated the variables.

"There is only so much you can fit into one of those carts," said Nault.

Under the previous "three bag limit" some residents were using great big garbage bags or throwing out more than three bags.

"It wasn't properly enforced," said Nault.

In addition to less tonnage being disposed of each month, Nault has also seen an increased use at the recycling centre. He said the bins are being emptied more often.

Town of Didsbury administration have had plans to implement a second cart to Didsbury residents for their compostables. Nault said if that direction is taken tipping fees would continue to fall for the town. He predicts the tipping fees would fall \$15,000 in a year's period with the new carts.

Town CEO Evan Parliament

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- Larry Nault,
Waste Commission
CEO

said the second cart will be implemented sometime this year and that the cost will not come out of the operational budget.

He said the carts will be paid for with grant dollars or by a user-pay system.

"The Town fully supports implementing the second carts," he said.

"The carts have done what they are supposed to do," said Nault. "They have reduced the amount of garbage being thrown out."



photo by Richard Westlund

With feeling

Joni Delaurier belts out a song at Our Rose Lounge on the weekend as part of the Three Divas Live performance. Delaurier was joined by Genny Lydiatta, Theresa Conroy and special guest Didsbury singer/song writer Paige Connell.

GREEN SPACES

Input will be sought for pesticide issue in Didsbury

*Open house
scheduled for
March 5*

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury Town Council will hold off on a decision about the use of pesticides on Didsbury's green spaces until the public is given a chance to give input.

Open houses will be set up by administration to collect opinions from residents. Operational Services will deal with that information and come back to Council with another recommendation in

time for their March 17 regular Council meeting.

Three weeks earlier the Town's Operation Services Committee carried a motion to recommend to Council to set up three test areas to more clearly show how green spaces could be managed with out the use of pesticides.

Councillor Clem Kuelker, who pitched the three test site idea, made the motion at last week's Council meeting to seek input on the issue.

"This issue has some far reaching consequences on both sides," said Kuelker. "One side says it's a critical health issue, the other side doesn't."

"We must provide for the public to give input on both

sides and refer the issue back to Op Services.

"I am referring to doing whatever it takes - to find a solution that is amiable to everybody."

Some Councillors felt the issue should be addressed sooner than later. Councillor Gary Dolha said that with input from both sides Town Council would still be faced with the same question they are facing today, does the Town of Didsbury advocate the use of pesticides?

Councillor Cheryl Dahl said she would like to see Council move on the issue quickly pointing out the spring and summer months are on the horizon. Others felt more time was needed.

Councillor Harry Penner said no budget numbers had been attached to a program that used other methods than pesticides. He felt that price tag might be high.

"I have the feeling, and we have never been told, but I have a strong suspicion that we will need an increase in funds. I have a severe problem in approving this without knowing what it will cost us," he said.

"I don't think this issue is so pressing that we can't give people the opportunity to give input," said Kuelker. "I am not for chemicals. I am against pushing something through without a budget and knowing what the effects are."

Funds for managing the parks by aeration, dethatching, topdressing, overseeding, fertilizing and irrigating have been requested in past years but have been cut out of the budget.

Members of the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board (DEAB) have been hoping for a policy that would use pesticides only when a certain threshold had been breached and would allow more long-term methods to work. The town will be holding an open house on March 5 at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club.

DEAB will be hosting an information meeting of its own on Feb. 19 at the Didsbury Library.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

County and Town building?



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

The Town of Didsbury has issued a questionnaire to its residents asking for input on the issue of shared administration space with Mountain View County.

The idea, which has come out of discussions with the County on how the two municipalities can cooperate better, would see the two administrations operating under the same roof.

Mountain View County is currently looking at how it will upgrade its facilities. Ratepayers

told them clearly in a plebiscite at the last municipal election they didn't want a new building and the County elected at plans to renovate.

Just recently they started to look at a new building once again.

Didsbury's administration has grown with the Town over the years. The Town acquired the Telus building across the street which helped free up space. In the future the Town will likely outgrow its present home and need a new space.

But now is not the time. Budgets have become harder to balance in the past couple of years and the Town is looking at a mil-rate hike this year to help replenish reserves. Moving offices to a new or renovated County Administration building will put Didsburians on the hook for part of a project they don't really need right now.

The County has yet to decide whether it will build new or renovate or has even come up with a firm price if they decide to build new.

Didsbury Town Council should sit and wait for a better time to make a move into another building. Especially when they are considering raising taxes already.

♥ Ponderings of the heart ♥

"Be My Valentine"

by Margaret Fradley

Valentines Day will soon be upon us, and very often our thoughts on this day turn to love. How do we express our love, is it with candy, chocolates, flowers, a card? Or are we free to express our love on a deeper level? Can we allow ourselves to be more vulnerable and let others know we love them? We all need love.

Just recently, our grandson, who is not quite four, in the midst of his playtime, went up to his mother and put his little arms around her neck and said to her "Mommy I want you to be my girl" - she assured him she would indeed be his girl, but what a sweet, spontaneous, uninhibited show of love for his mother. Children are so trusting, and can readily display their unconditional love. What about us?

Over Christmas I had one of the most cherished moments, and such a special gift of love shown to me. I had retired early, it had been a full and busy day, a few moments later one of my daughters came in, and said "I came to give you my special Christmas present", and with that she said she was going to massage my injured ankle, and quietly she proceeded to do so with very few words, (I knew she was praying for me at the same time, so I too remained quiet and just absorbed the love.) Afterwards she shared a number of things on her heart then gave me a big hug and told me how much she loved me. A gift to remember.

We all need to be loved, and we need to reach out and love. There are many lonely, hurting people out there, who just need our love so desperately, and with just a few short words, a smile, a visit, a phone call or note, we can make that difference. Let's make Valentines special this year, and let us not remember it for just one day, but for the entire year.



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LETTER

Why do we need a pesticide policy?

Dear Editor,

In recent weeks, certain members of the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board to Council, have designed and vigorously promoted a policy regarding the use of pesticides. This policy, if passed would severely restrict our ability to properly manage any town owned green-space. As a Councillor I feel that it is my duty to make the general public aware of what this really means and give our residents an opportunity to make their views known. Unofficially, Town Council has embraced the system of the IPM (Integrated Pest Management). Since weeds fall into the category of pests, they are included in IPM. The system of IPM fosters the growing and maintaining of healthy plant and turf life with the least amount of chemical application. The least amount being from zero to what is absolutely necessary to maintain a green-space that is appealing to most people, while keeping foremost public safety in mind. IPM means to manage plant life by taking steps at the right time to allow the plant to grow and flourish. IPM means to include: irrigating, dethatching, aeration, fertilizing and when needed a pesticide treatment. A healthy plant area is seldom in need of chemical treatment, unless it is overrun by a pest, which includes weeds. From the little I know about the subject, pesticides are not meant to create a healthier plant. They are meant to remove a parasite that robs the plant of valuable nutrients and make you lawn more pleasing to the eye. For IPM to be effective, work must start in early spring. If that work is delayed until July and August the weeds have taken over and the

complaints from residents get very loud. By that time the options for treatment are few. You can get on you knees and pull the weeds, let them grow or you can spray.

Council only provides a budget for maintaining all green-spaces within the Town. It is up to the Urban Environment Technician to determine the method of treatment, priorities and sequences best suited for the green-spaces within that budget number. Since weather conditions play such a major role in this process, the outcome is at best guesswork. It is my firm belief that Didsbury has never applied chemicals in a careless or frivolous manner and always well within the safety limits that are carefully set out by regulating agencies.

I have to ask, why do we need a policy that could interfere with managing our green-spaces properly? In my view this policy would lend itself to turn our green-spaces into overgrown, unsightly areas that would soon deposit unwanted seeds into neighboring private lots. However, that is only my view. You will have an opportunity to hear more on the subject in two Open Houses. The first, Feb. 19/03 in the Didsbury Library at 7 p.m. with local presenters present. The second on March 5/03 at the 5-0 Club at 7 p.m. with an expert from the Landscape and Nursery Trade Association present. I hope that these presenters will provide you with the best possible information available so you can help us formulating the right policy if one is needed.

Yours truly,
Clem Kuelker, Town Councillor



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Town should be proactive in enforcing its bylaws

Dear Editor:

I would appreciate your inclusion of the following letter in your newspaper.

To the Citizens of the Town of Didsbury;

We, the taxpayers, are paying the bylaw officer to be responsible to ensure that the bylaws of the town are enforced. I think the intent is to ensure proactively that the bylaws are obeyed. There are indeed many complications to the enforcement such as enraged offenders, court appearances and some lack of popularity. The bylaw officer is paid to deal with these issues. The duly elected town council is responsible to us to see that he does so. The town management is paid to follow their considered and agreed upon requests and requirements.

To complicate this, the policy of the Town of Didsbury is to respond to citizen complaints. This is not the kind of policy that should make us, as taxpayers, happy. We elect town councilors to attend to our needs. We give them money through taxes, to do this. This money pays for hiring town managers and workers. To my way of thinking, this means we expect the town organization to be proactive. They should do this by using the resources that they hire

with our money to ensure the necessary tasks are completed satisfactorily and efficiently.

The weather in our area is peculiar, it varies between very warm and quite cold. This does make it difficult to keep our sidewalks clear of ice and snow. This letter is directed to those residents who try to keep their sidewalks clear by removing the snow as soon after it falls as possible. It is also directed to citizens and visitors who are trying to walk around our town in relative safety and comfort.

This is directed towards the many residents whose sidewalks are never cleared of snow. When this snow melts, as it will with the large variations in our weather, ice forms and it is then impossible to remove and salting is necessary. Salt, whether it is "environmentally friendly" or not is an undesirable product that deteriorates the sidewalk and tracks into our homes.

There are many other issues within the town that are not being addressed proactively. Traffic laws are being broken regularly. Speeding through school zones is obvious. U-turns across the solid line down main street is another one.

Many other bylaws are broken consistently by people who either do not care about the danger to the public, or are in too big a hurry to "do it right".

The Town of Didsbury has by-laws concerning infractions of undesirable practices. One such bylaw states that a ticket will be issued to those who do not remove the snow adjacent to their property. This is, of course, after due warnings and continued lack of response.

Since the town policy is to react only to complaints rather than be proactive and respond in a preventative way, let us, as citizens show the town that we care about their actions. If we file a complaint every time we see a by-law violation, they will be snowballed with complaints. This can be done in person at the Town office, phoned or mailed in to the town. Please be sure to include the specifics of the violation as well as your name and address. (I apologize to the wonderful girls who handle these complaints for the extra work load this will incur).

Thanks to all who will help me with this effort. Maybe we can change the policy of the town through this effort.

Terry Walls,
Resident and taxpayer

Rosebud Heath Foundation was a group effort when started and still is

Dear Editor,

Thank you for allowing me space to express my sincere appreciation on being honoured as a founding member of the Rosebud Health Foundation. However I would be remiss if I did not further acknowledge the other six founding members whom I spoke of but were not named in the Editorial of Feb. 5 Review. The six other persons whose signatures appear on the Rosebud Health Foundation Certificate of Incorporation are: Audrey MacDonald, Margaret Baril, Lucy Newsome, Patricia Luft, John Kohut, Douglas Waite. We were also provided with leadership, time and expertise of our first secretary, Millie Lennox and Legal Council Vern Good. The contribution of all these persons together with generous public support is which has made the Rosebud Health Foundation a successful society that has contributed substantially to the betterment of our local hospital.

To the present members, directors and officers we owe a debt of gratitude for continuing on with this worthy cause and the challenge you face.

Our health system today more than ever needs people with your vision and dedica-

tion.
Respectfully,
Bill Cowan

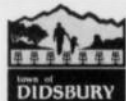
Important Questionnaire

Mountain View County is currently studying their building requirements and there may be an opportunity for the Town of Didsbury to share in a joint-use administration complex; therefore, the Council of the Town of Didsbury is asking for your input.

Please circle the appropriate answer.

1. Would you be in favor of the Town of Didsbury sharing a joint-use administrative building with the Mountain View County?
Yes No
2. Would you be in favor of moving the Town Office out of the downtown area?
Yes No
3. If the Town of Didsbury should leave the present Town Office, would you be in favor of designating the current Town Office to the Library for Expansion?
Yes No
4. Are you concerned that Mountain View County may move their entire operations out of the Town of Didsbury?
Yes No

Please return your reply to Town Office (2037 19 Ave.) by February 28, 2003. Also please feel free to add additional comments.
Thank you for your cooperation,
Mayor Dorothy Moore and Council



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TOWN OF DIDSBURY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Regular Council: February 24, 2003
- MPC: February 19, 2003
- Corporate Services: February 13, 2003
- Community Services: February 25, 2003

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS & HOMEOWNERS

Effective February 15, 2003, the Town of Didsbury will be issuing Gas, Electrical, and Plumbing Permits.

IJD Inspections will perform inspections for these permits on a contract basis. Please contact the Planning and Development Department for rates and permit application forms.

ANOTHER ISSUE

Does the use or non-use of pesticides concern you?

If so, there will be a public forum at the 5-0 Club Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at 7:00pm. With guest speaker Nigel Bowles, Executive Director of the Alberta Nursery Trades Association, to present a balanced view on the issue. Please mark this date. Your Council would like to put policies in place that make Didsbury's greenspace attractive and safe. Your questions and concerns will be addressed by experts. We need your input for the right policy.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Patrol safety concerns are not due to AMA changes

Dear Editor,

In response to an article in the January 15 edition of the Didsbury Review, I would like to acknowledge community leaders in the town of Didsbury for their commitment to safety and, at the same time, clarify information regarding procedure changes in the Alberta Motor Association School Safety Patrol program.

The article may have unintentionally mislead some readers into believing that dangerous traffic situations arose within Didsbury school zones due to the changes in AMA School Safety Patrol program. In fact, the underlying traffic safety problems in Didsbury were not due to the change in AMA School Safety Patrol procedures but a result of unsafe actions performed by drivers and adult pedestrians. These unsafe actions included parents parking on the east side of the street and motioning their children to cross, adults ignoring pedestrian crosswalks, parents parking too close to crosswalks, and drivers ignoring the fact that pedestrians were waiting to cross.

The decision to alter patrol procedures in Calgary took a considerable amount of time and was not made solely by the Alberta Motor Association. Discussions were initiated by the Calgary Board of Education and the unanimous decision was made jointly by all key partners in the pro-

gram.

The only modification to patrol procedures is that patrollers no longer place themselves at an increased risk level by entering the middle of the roadway to face the oncoming traffic lane. AMA School Safety Patrollers still wear bright orange reflective vests, use whistles, hold stop signs and utilize traffic pylons as required. If there are visibility concerns, such as parked vehicles, patrollers are trained to take three steps into the street (no further than the outer edge of the vehicle) to ensure that their sight lines are clear and drivers are able to see them.

The role of a School Safety Patroller is to assist younger students in crossing the street safely - **not to control or direct traffic**. According to the Highway Traffic Act, drivers must stop for pedestrians waiting to cross. Failure to yield to a pedestrian (and/or patroller) when his/her arm is extended is an offence that carries a \$115 fine and 3 demerit points, compared to a \$57 fine and 3 demerits for simply failing to stop for a pedestrian.

As one police constable in Calgary stated during their changeover period, "What part of two children wearing fluorescent vests at a crosswalk, in a school zone, on both sides of the road, holding out their arm with a stop sign, and a third child blowing a whistle, do you NOT understand? If you are

still confused, then I strongly suggest you immediately turn in your driver's licence." The officer went on to comment that he noticed drivers know exactly what to do when police are observing.

Traffic safety issues (such as unsafe driving behaviours, and unnecessary traffic congestion) cannot be effectively solved by simply placing school patrollers and/or adult crossing guards on duty. Local traffic safety issues are best addressed by using a comprehensive community-based traffic safety plan that recognizes the inter-relationship of the road user, vehicle and environment and includes the four important components: education, evaluation, engineering and enforcement.

We need to keep in mind that patrolled crosswalks reflect only a small percentage of crosswalks that children use everyday. Children also need to be taught how to cross streets safely when patrollers and/or adult crossing guards are not available. Therefore, the fundamental principle of the School Safety Patrol program is to empower students to accept leadership roles and to give students the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes to survive traffic.

The Alberta Motor Association sponsors and coordinates the School Safety Patrol program in 550 schools across Alberta as a service to the community. This program has achieved and maintained

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As traffic safety stakeholders, it is important that we do not contribute to the misleading notion that safety within school zones is the sole responsibility of school patrollers and/or adult

crossing guards. It's a shared responsibility and all road users (including parents, drivers and adult pedestrians) must take personal responsibility for the safety of others.

Thank you for showing your commitment to safety.

Sincerely,
Rob Taylor
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Advocacy and Community Services
Alberta Motor Association

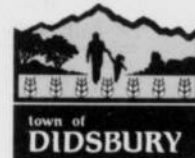


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Town Council passed first reading of Waste By-Law 03-01 on Monday, February 3, 2003.

Copies of this By-law are available at the Town Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

Comments on this By-law must be in writing and submitted to The Town Office no later than Wednesday, February 19, 2003 at 4:00 pm.



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The Didsbury Museum is open every Saturday afternoon and is located at 2120-21 Ave.

School board, teachers agree on Commission's interim report

by Carla Victor

It has been a long time since our local Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) president and Chinook's Edge School Division had anything to agree on, but the interim report from the Commission on Learning has both parties agreeing this process is a positive step towards a better education system.

An interim report, titled *The Homework Continues*, released earlier last week, outlines the process this commission has undertaken since its inception in June 2002, as a result of job action taken on by teachers in a majority of this province's school divisions, including Chinook's Edge.

Since that time the Commission on Learning has listened to presentations by all its stakeholders and has received more than 15,000 completed workbooks reviewing Alberta's education system.

The interim report provides an overview of the commission's progress, highlights some of the major themes that emerged during the public consultation process and outlines planned next steps. A final report is expected by early fall, months later than first expected.

Bob Worsfold, president of the local ATA, Roy Brassard, chair of Chinook's Edge School Division and Jim Gibbons, superintendent of Chinook's Edge all agree they are encouraged the commission is taking the extra time needed to complete the study and are confident all stakeholders have been listened to by the commission.

"I'm not surprised that it is taking them longer than they thought to complete the study but it is better they take extra time and do it right," said Worsfold. "This is the first comprehensive assessment of our education system in 30 years and to rush it is not in anyone's best interest," he said.

Worsfold as well as Gibbons and Brassard attended the day long public meeting in Red Deer where the commission heard from parents, teachers, support staff and school divisions in this area. The meeting was to allow the commission to learn, first hand, what people think are the most pressing issues in Alberta's education system today.

"We've consulted with thousands of passionate and committed Albertans and we've completed a considerable amount of research. It's been hard work for us, but, in many ways, the most difficult work is still ahead. We want to make strong recommendations that are achievable and put students first," said Commission Chair,

Patricia Mackenzie.

Thousands of Albertans, from across the province, participated in this process either through presentations at public meetings or by submitting workbooks and making presentations to the commission. The commission received more than 15,400 completed workbooks, one of the largest returns the province has ever had for a commission of this type.

Brassard said Chinook's Edge was allotted 10 minutes to present their review at the public meeting. He and Gibbons felt that wasn't enough time and complained - Chinook's Edge was then scheduled another 30 minutes to state their case.

"I don't envy the commission's task. They were open to listening and what comes out of that will determine whether there is any value to this," said Brassard. He stated he was disappointed with the eight page interim report but encouraged by the evidence of long-term, leading edge resolutions to improve the education system. Most encouraging is the commitment shown to putting a price tag on the commissions recommendations.

"From that standpoint, they are committed to saying this is what we are going to recommend and this is what we see it costing," said Brassard.

What the government does with those recommendations in the fall is what will determine the future of Alberta's education system, said Worsfold.

"Alberta has an excellent education system, teachers are doing a great job but it is stretched to the limits and the weak points and cracks are starting to show.

"I'm pleased the commission has listened. Now the question is what is the government going to do with their suggestions? If it is again going to be, 'do more with less then it isn't going to work,'" said Worsfold. Despite the September outcome of the report, and what the government will do with the recommendations, education is one step further improved by this process, said Gibbons.

"I think the other intangible is that whenever you have a Commission on Learning sit, and organizations and stakeholders themselves have to answer the questions 'what do we want education to look like?' you have actually caused all of those organizations to set their own vision of how they want to influence education, for the next 20 years.

"If we have all decided what we want education to look like we can all, through the people we hire and elect and so on, formulate the vision we want," said Gibbons.

IN THE COURTS

Man had sexual relations with girl

A B.C. man who admitted having a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old area girl has been jailed.

Cameron Allan Routledge pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Feb. 3 to charges of sexual assault and failing to appear in court.

The accused was charged after the parents of the victim noticed their daughter was receiving letters postmarked from a Lethbridge-area prison, court heard.

The letters were sent by the accused and contained sexual explicit references. Confronted with the letters, the girl admitted the relationship, which had occurred over a period of time during 2001.

The girl was only 13 at the time and therefore she could not legally consent to sexual relations. The age of consent in Canada is 14 years.

Judge Terry Semenuk called the crime an "inappropriate sexual relationship".

The judge sentenced the accused to 11 months in custody.

Man fined for failing to provide breath sample

A 68-year-old man charged with impaired driving after a Citizens on Patrol group in Bowden thought they had stopped a drunk driver has been fined.

Ken Sorensen pleaded guilty to a charge of refusing to provide a breath sample.

The accused was stopped in Bowden shortly

after 1:30 a.m. on Sept. 7, court heard.

An RCMP officer was called to the scene and the accused was taken into custody.

The man provided one breath sample but then declined to provide the mandatory second sample.

Judge Semenuk fined the accused \$600, and prohibited him from driving for one year.

The Crown withdrew a charge of impaired driving against Sorensen.

Man had stolen vehicle

A Calgary hitchhiker who accepted an offer of a ride to Fort McMurray in September has been handed one day in jail for possession of stolen property.

Francis James Harry pleaded guilty to charges of possession of stolen property and failure to appear.

The accused accepted a ride from an unknown person on Sept. 3, court heard.

When the men reached Bowden, the driver stopped the vehicle and walked off, leaving the accused with the keys.

Harry subsequently fell asleep in the vehicle and was awakened by police, who charged him with theft.

The accused admitted to Judge Semenuk that he knew the 1980 VW Rabbit was stolen property.

Citing the accused's 18 days in predisposition custody, the judge handed Harry one day in jail on both charges.

Social Credit leader makes campaign stop in Didsbury

by Richard Westlund

Alberta Social Credit Leader Lavern Ahistrom made a brief appearance in Didsbury last week as part of a provincial whirlwind tour to hear Albertan's concerns and to gain exposure for his party.

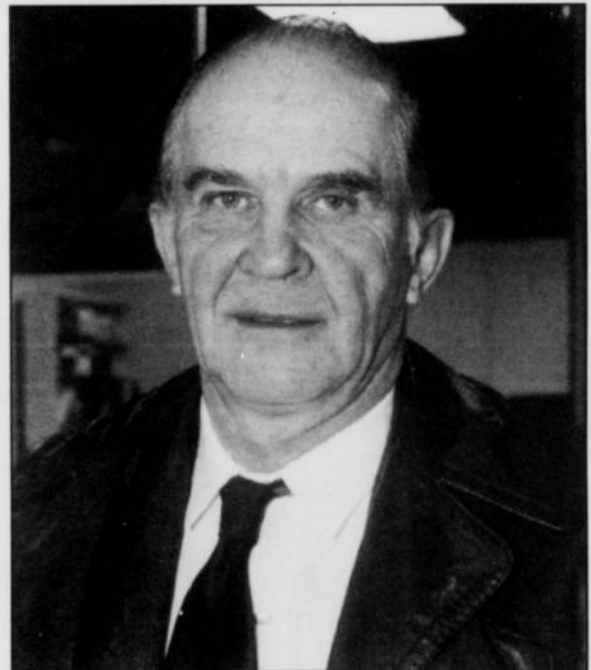
Travelling with the party's vice-president of communications Mathew Semmler, Ahistrom said Albertans were not being appropriately represented in the Alberta legislature by either the ruling Tories or the opposition parties.

"Let's face it. Alberta is never going to elect a Liberal or NDP government," said Ahistrom in an interview. "And judging by the job they have done in keeping the Klein government accountable, why should they?"

In addition to providing opposition to the opposition, Ahistrom was also quick to criticize the Progressive Conservatives on several different issues.

He said deregulation of utilities has produced ire for Albertans - especially in rural areas. Healthcare, he said, is disintegrating and Albertans are losing their say with the loss of elected health board members. And education, a perennial issue, is suffering because there is not enough money to build enough adequate schools especially in urban centres.

"What we are saying is that there is no long-term plan for issues like these in Alberta," said Ahistrom. "The government waits for a problem to arise and then throws money at



Alberta Social Credit leader Lavern Ahistrom made a stop in Didsbury last week.

it. And it's sad that we don't have an opportunity for input on these decisions. That's not a democracy."

Ahistrom recognizes that the Social Credit party faces a long uphill battle to get back into the legislature. He said just getting one Social Credit candidate elected in the next election would go a long way in re-establishing the party.

"Even if we were able to get just one person in, it would be

a vocal way to have Albertan's views represented. Our goal is to get people elected into the legislature."

So while on tour Ahistrom is looking for candidates to run in the various constituencies in Alberta. He said locally he would like to find a charismatic candidate to run against MLA Richard Marz.

"I think a lot of people in Alberta are looking for a change," said Ahistrom.

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Gary, who was born and raised north of Carstairs, started in the auto body trade in 1986 after graduating from Carstairs High School. He finished his apprenticeship in 1990 and started his own business in 1991. He continued to educate himself in the field and completed his Level III Estimating Course in 1992. Gary and wife Cheryl have twin girls born in June, 2002.

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Member for five years and a Show and Shine member, the Didsbury-born Campbell says he enjoys being part of the community and has watched the area grow.

His son, who was raised in Didsbury has been in the auto body trade for 12 years and enjoys oil painting, airbrushing and working on his spare time. He said he has always been interested in wild paint jobs.

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BUILDING REGULATIONS

Town will issue gas, electric and plumbing permits

New permits will be slightly more expensive

by Richard Westlund

When a contractor needs to obtain a gas, electrical or plumbing permit for work he/she is doing they will have to get it through the Town of Didsbury.

Earlier this month, Didsbury Town Council passed a motion making it the sole dis-

tributer of gas, electrical and plumbing permits in addition to already handing out building permits.

Planning and Development Officer Robert Wigg said the move was made for three reasons. First the Town will be able to better monitor whether proper permits are being taken out or not. Two, because the Town has hired a company to provide them with the proper permits Wigg will be able to direct applicable questions to people with answers. And three, the Town will see some revenue in the

move.

"We have come to a point, especially with all of the growth in the Town, that staffing levels would allow us to do this," said Wigg.

Wigg said the Town will accept applications for permits in person, by fax and by mail. He said in the future the Town is hoping to be able to issue them electronically over the Internet.

When a permit is purchased through the Town it will be issued by a company called IJD. The Town will receive 30 per cent of the profits while the company receives

70 per cent.

IJD will be responsible for doing inspections on the jobs coinciding with the permits issued. The prices are going to be slightly higher for contractors and homeowners than they were before, but Wigg said the costs will be the

same as Kneehill County's.

Permits are typically higher for homeowners than contractors because more inspections will have to be done on do-it-yourself projects.

Buying gas, electrical and plumbing permits through the Town will start Feb. 15.

ICE TIMES

Arena User Groups to discuss ice billings

New payment methods will be explored

by Richard Westlund

User groups of Didsbury's ice surface will have a chance to give input to the Town as to how the rentals are paid for.

Following the approval of higher rates at last week's Council meeting, a meeting will be held on Feb. 18 among invited groups to discuss if there is a better way to cover arena costs.

Arena user groups received a letter advising them of higher rates come September 1, but

also extended an invitation to discuss the issue later this month.

The meeting will be looking at other payment options other than hourly rates.

The Mountain View Colts will see their hourly rate jump from \$72.50 to \$78, minor hockey teams \$63 to \$68, adult hockey teams (with use agreement) \$95 to \$102, adult hockey (with no use agreement) \$105 to \$113 and private rental \$105 to \$113.

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Mayor Dorothy Moore wondered if a community group might step forward at the meeting being interested in taking arena bookings.



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Town continues to investigate train station purchase

Councillors already pitching fund raising ideas

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury Town Council passed a motion to approve in principle, to acquire the title of Eldon Foote Hall as long as they are not assuming a budget deficit situation at last week's Council meeting.

Council continued to discuss the possibility of acquiring the train station and methods in which money could be raised by its use to ensure its future in Didsbury.

CP Rail is prepared to donate the land the train station sits on to the

Town, according to correspondence with Eldon Foote who is dealing with the CPR on the issue.

At the Feb. 3 Council meeting Councillors seemed optimistic about acquiring Eldon Foote Hall and discussed methods in which the building could bring in a steady income.

One idea was to renovate part of the upstairs into a bachelors suite and rent it out. Councillor Harry Penner said a suite would be a good source of revenue and that the area in question would be taken care of by the occupant.

Council also learned the hall would be avail-

able for rentals on the weekend and select week nights when the Boy Scouts and Girl Guide programs were not making use of the facility.

Planning and Development Officer Robert Wigg said some interest had been given to schools using the facility. Councillors were provided with a

list of 10 other possible users.

A permanent solution has been sought by the Town of Didsbury for the train station. In 1987 significant upgrades were made to the building and the CPR signed a contract regarding the sale of the land to the Town for fair market value. The Town,

however, never signed the document. The Town wants a permanent solution for the building because the lease runs out in 2007.

Council has expressed concern in the past few months about whether the building would be used enough to take care of its own costs.

Deutsch's acquittal upheld

An Alberta Court of Appeal three-member panel has upheld a previous decision made in a lower court that cleared Jason Deutsch of Didsbury on any criminal wrong doing in the traffic death of a Calgary police officer.

The decision, made on Feb. 3, dismissed the argument that Justice Bryan Mahoney made a mistake when he ruled that inattentiveness on Deutsch's part was not enough to convict him of dangerous driving.

Deutsch was acquitted of criminal responsibility for the head-on crash on Highway 2A near Carstairs that killed Const. Henry Mah in March of last year.

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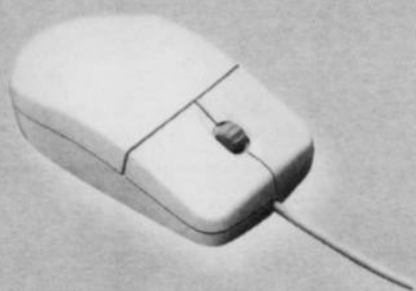
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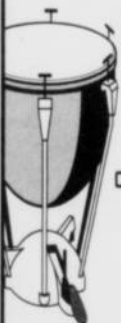
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On January 16th to 19th, some of our figure skaters went to the home of Kurt Browning to compete in the Central Region Closed/STAR Skate Run-Off hosted by the Caroline FSC. Here are the results in chronological order:

Thursday

Hailey McLean - Spin Spiral Jump 'B' - 1st place

Caitlan Hunter - Pre-Preliminary Freeskate - 2nd place

Jasmine Knoll - Spin Spiral Jump 'B' - 2nd place

Hailey McLean - Solo Dance - 2nd place

Friday

Chantel Knoll - Preliminary Elements - 5th place

Charlyee O'Dell - Pre-Preliminary Freeskate StarSkate - 2nd place

Allison McCoy - Jr. Bronze Freeskate StarSkate - 5th place

Sarah Baker - Jr. Bronze Freeskate StarSkate - 1st place

Charlyee O'Dell - Pre-Preliminary Elements StarSkate - 2nd place

Allison McCoy - Jr. Bronze Elements StarSkate - 2nd place

Sarah Baker - Jr. Bronze Elements StarSkate - 1st place

Sunday

Sarah Baker - Jr. Bronze Elements StarSkate Final - 3rd place

Allison McCoy - Jr. Bronze Elements StarSkate Final - 2nd place - Whitecourt

Charlyee O'Dell - Pre-Preliminary Elements StarSkate Final - 3rd place

Sarah Baker - Jr. Bronze Freeskate StarSkate Final - 5th place

Charlyee O'Dell - Pre-Preliminary Freeskate StarSkate Final - 6th place

Allison McCoy - Artistic - Bye - Whitecourt

Congratulations girls, we are proud of you all.



photo by Richard Westlund

Eye on the prize

Mountain View Colt Ken Swanson follows through on a shot that beats Airdrie's goaltender Saturday night at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. The Colts bested their Airdrie counterparts by a 6-4 score. The Colts battled the Lacombe Wranglers to a 5-5 tie the night before.

Grizzlys preparing for AJHL playoffs

by Barry Williams

With six games left in the regular season, the Olds Grizzlys are preparing for the playoffs.

After playing their final homestand at the Sportsplex this weekend against the St. Albert Saints and the Camrose Kodiaks, they head out on the road to close regular season play against the Crowsnest Timberwolves, Brooks Bandits, Fort Saskatchewan Traders and Calgary Royals.

According to Head Coach/General Manager, Brett Cox, the final games are extremely important as the Grizzlys are in a battle for a post season appearance against the Calgary Canucks and the Calgary Royals.

"In order for us to be a contender for the league championship, our defensive play will have to be very solid in the playoffs," said Cox.

And judging from last week's games, against the Bandits, the Royals and the Canucks, the defensive play has come around as the Grizzlys allowed just four goals against in the three games at the Sportsplex. On Wednesday, Feb. 5, they defeated

the Bandits 5-2, edged the Canucks 2-1 on Friday Feb. 7 and lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to the Royals on Saturday Feb. 8.

"Our defensive play has improved over the past games," Cox said indicating the players have concentrated on play in their own end.

"Right now our defensive play is the number one thing about our game," Cox added.

Throughout the season, the Grizzlys have proved they can fill the twine on a consistent basis and the offensive power has been distributed amongst all four lines.

According to Cox, tenacious forechecking, play without the puck and winning the battle for loose pucks along the boards has contributed to the offensive play.

"Although we haven't talked much about our play without the puck, I think it has improved some but it's still not great," Cox noted.

"If we give up just one or two goals a game in the playoffs we're going to be on the winning end of a lot of games," Cox said.

In action against the Bandits, Tyler Grover notched a pair of power play goals with

singletons being added by Tyler Hilbert, Shea Hamilton and Rob Turville. Replying for the Bandits were Jordan Starke and Chad Gruutman.

Jordan Ramstead made 26 saves between the pipes for the Grizzlys. Bandits' netminder Ryan Martin turned aside 56 shots.

A goaltenders' battle developed in the games against the Calgary opponents as the teams turned in solid defensive efforts, with Nathan Lawson nursing an injury, Ramstead got the call in both games and turned in solid efforts allowing just three goals in 44 shots.

Blinking the red light against the Canucks were Landis Stankievec and Kyle Darowicz. Meanwhile, Darren Zurcan notched the lone marker for the Canucks. In controlling the game offensively, the Grizzlys peppered Canucks' goalie Pat Conacher with 41 shots.

In a fast paced wide open game on Saturday evening, Royals' goaltender, Matt Allen stole the show as he gave the Grizzlys a lesson in superb netminding blocking 40 shots directed his way. Brett Hopfe dented the twine early in the

first period. Although the Grizzlys had several glorious scoring opportunities throughout the game, Allen slammed the door on them.

Both Royals' goals came in the second period as Blaine Larsen and Jon Whitehead blinked the red light.

In the Royals' dressing room after the game, Assistant Coach, Rich Hazelton, indicated the Royals needed the two points badly.

"With the two points earned by us tonight, the play off race just got tighter," Hazelton said.

"I expected a wide open game tonight as both teams are evenly matched," he added.

"All of our games against the Grizzlys this year have been decided by one or two goals," noted Hazelton.

The Royals got off to a rough start in league play. Due to injuries and inconsistent play, a play off spot was a long shot for them mid-way through the season. In the second half of the schedule, they have been the most consistent team in the league.

"It seems all our players are now playing on the same page and I hope this continues in the playoffs," he said.

Didsbury Ladies Bonspiel

A Event

1. Marilyn Phillips - Sundre, Marlene Cardon, Sandi Cummings, Sue Comfort
2. Norma Clark - Carstairs, Gail Davis, Carol Molnar, Irene Rowntree
3. Wendy Allison - Calgary, Jeanette Bremault, May Beblou, Martha Stanford
4. Wanda Mudry - Didsbury, Pam Thomas, Wendy Elliot, Cheryl Dahl

B Event

1. Ella Bishop - Carstairs, Cindy Holt, Dawn Backs, Chris Fox
2. Olive Jackson - Olds, Joanne Peterson, Bev Cullen, Hennie Pedersen
3. Gail Hammer - Olds, Delin Milang, Lissa Steele, Elaine Barrett
4. Penny Clazie - Didsbury, Brenda Scott, Karen Chernow, Donna Fife

C Event

1. Chrystal Wilshusen - Didsbury, Chantelle Wilshusen, Shelly Wilshusen, Tasha Bieber
2. Barb Dalziel - Didsbury, Dana Baron, Carol Miller, Dawn Jackson
3. Peggy Fulkerth - Didsbury, Bev Collinge, Diane Levagood, Betty Vorachek
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Calgary Stampede coach joins Olds College equine team

Students in Olds College's Western coaching certification program are flourishing under the guidance of their new instructor, Ruth Fowler, who is also the Director of the Calgary Stampede Showriders.

With lofty goals of developing an intercollegiate drill team at the College

and creating opportunities for grads to experience the grandeur of the Showriders whenever possible.

"I'm happy to see Olds College moving forward with this type of competition and we'll be offering a weekend workshop in May for drill teams from throughout Alberta," said Fowler.

Didsbury Curling News

by Marge St. Clair

Teams from all over Alberta will be present this Valentine's weekend for the Alberta Mennonite Mens Bonspiel. Come & watch some excellent curling, visit and the homemade soup & pies are delicious!!

Sun. Feb. 16 Teams from Calgary, Ponoka, Red Deer, Carstairs, Olds, Sundre, Eagle Hill & Didsbury are entered in the 2nd Annual Push Broom Bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling Rink starting at 10:00 a.m. This is great curling to watch.

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Annie Pringle and Anne Milne, on either side of MLA Richard Marz received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal at the Town Council Chambers last week in a special presentation. Here they pose for a picture with Didsbury Town Councillors.

Local residents honored with Jubilee medals

Two Didsbury residents were honoured last Friday when they received Queen's Jubilee Medal from MLA Richard Marz at Didsbury Town Council Chambers.

In a special ceremony Annie Pringle and Anne Milne were honoured with the medals commemorating Queen Elizabeth's reign of 50 years.

Pringle has been a resident and volunteer in Didsbury and District for over 40 years, while maintaining a career as a nurse for much of that time. As a nurse she has provided care for people for over 25 years.

After retiring she volunteered at the hospital.

Pringle recently received her Royal Purple 30-year-

service pin, has been an active Lifeline volunteer since 1989 and has dedicated much time to activities planned by the Anglican Church Women.

For a number of years, Pringle has been involved with the 5-0 Club and was a founding member of the Didsbury Lawnbowling Club.

Milne has been a resident and volunteer in the Didsbury

area for over forty years. She was an active business woman for 20-plus years and served as a Didsbury Town Councillor from 1974 to 1986. She has been active with the Mountain View Foundation for over eight years and is a founding member of the Didsbury and District Historical Society. Milne has also spent many hours dedicating time to the

Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce, Didsbury Agricultural Society, Didsbury Hospital Volunteers, Didsbury Lifeline, St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Women, Alberta Women's Institute, Canadian Red Cross Society, Lone Pine Hall, Lone Pine Orioles Girls Club and Senior Support Services and Home Help.

TOWN COUNCIL

Brassard asks Town for school crossing solution

by Richard Westlund

Chinook's Edge School Board Chair told Didsbury Town Council that it is their responsibility to deal with traffic problems in front of Didsbury schools, but offered to help to alleviate a dangerous situation any way possible.

Brassard said he doesn't think that relying on volunteers is a good enough approach to make intersections near

schools safe for children and called on the Town to implement some "long term solutions".

"I think the crossing guard system is misguided. To think we can send children out to control traffic is misguided. We need to have a long-term fix."

Brassard said he would like to have a traffic advisor have a look at the situation and come up with some solutions. He said with the abundance of play-

ground space near the schools, the school board would be in a position to help create some solutions.

"If we had 1,100 seniors emptying out of the same area every day we would have to do something," said Brassard. "We do have 1,100 citizens doing this - they are just younger."

Councillor Gary Dolha said administration was directed to talk to local schools about physical improvements but

hadn't heard back on those discussions.

An adult crossing guard program was created by community members and was implemented at the beginning of this year. Westglen Middle school had a student crossing guard program but it was disbanded in May of last year when safety concerns arose after the new Alberta Motor Association procedures for school patrols was implemented.

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Education key to saving wild horses

by Carla Victor

Call them wild, free roaming, or feral, the unowned, unbroken horses in the west country need protection from the unscrupulous and WHOA (Wild Horses of Alberta) continues to fight for the horses. Education is going to be key for WHOA in their battle to protect wild horses.

"We need to go to shopping malls, schools and tell everyone about the wildies, so they can understand these horses have the right to exist and be free," said Bob Henderson, president of WHOA.

Henderson met with 26 of the more than 70 members of WHOA, in Olds, to discuss further plans to increase the knowledge of the existence of free roaming horses and how to enlist the public's help to pressure the province to increase legislation and protection of these animals.

"First we have to change the way of the government's thinking of these horses as feral and bothersome," said one member of WHOA.

"Secondly we have to educate the public about wild horses," said Henderson.

"People are starting to care, we are starting to have an effect, a voice.

"This is a sensitive issue, people realize this and they have been calling," he said.

Since a report from WHOA appeared in the Olds Albertan, Didsbury Review, Sundre Roundup and the Calgary Herald, Henderson has been fielding calls about the horses and has been invited to Calgary schools to discuss their plight.

Henderson believes the more people who know there are injustices being committed against these horses, the more people will demand proper protection and policing.

Currently Horse Capture Regulations, which expire in

December, allow for the capture and roundup of horses in permitted areas, from November to February.

Regulations say that for every mare a person can take three stallions but the numbers are limitless.

Former MLA for the Olds/Didsbury/Three Hills area, Roy Brassard, was the MLA who introduced this legislation, which was the first-ever private member's bill accepted into legislation.

"The significance of that bill is it is the first private member's bill and I was proud to have the privilege of carrying it through," said Brassard. He believes the legislation needs to continue and not be phased out.

"I feel very strongly about this and if you have ever watched a herd of wild horses take off, you would know why people are so adamant about protecting them," said Brassard.

At the time he introduced the bill, he was very concerned about the horses' future.

"I agree we cannot call them wild - horses are not indigenous to this area - but I do agree with calling them free roaming," said Brassard.

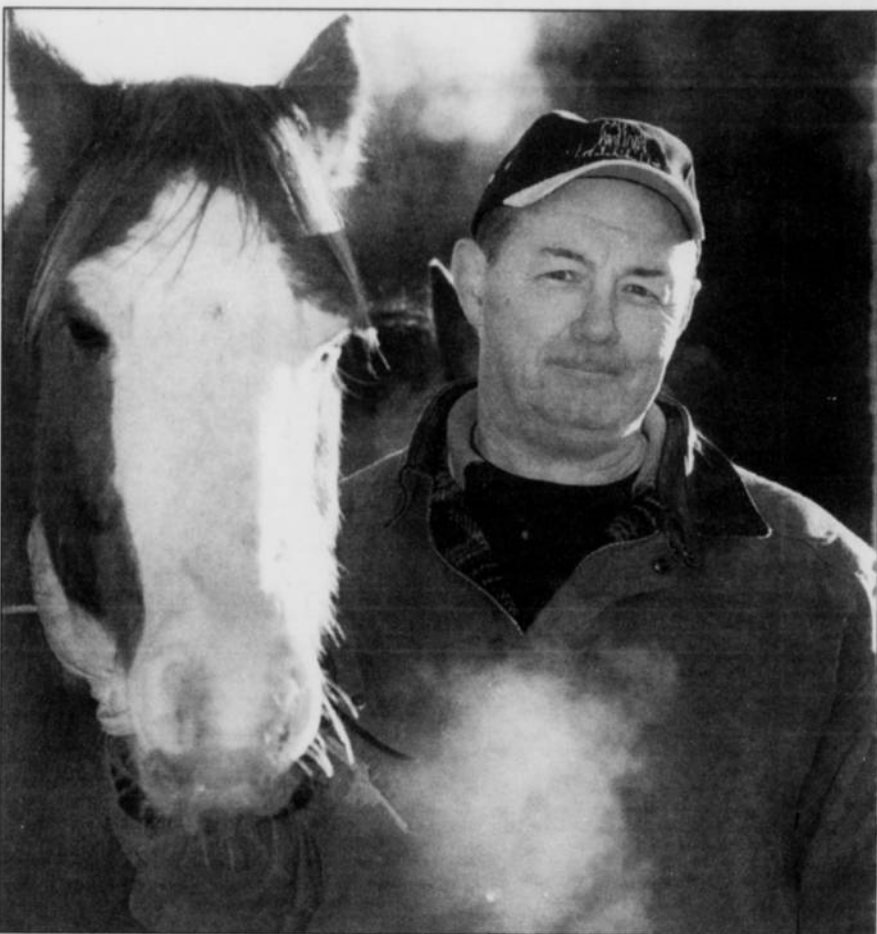
He said that term automatically indicates they have the right to be there, something he continues to feel strongly about.

"Free roaming horses in this area (west of Sundre) are not hurting anything. They have become part of our heritage and I think it is very significant we do something to maintain that bill," said Brassard.

Henderson agrees.

He likes the current legislation but he argues there needs to be policing for the regulations and penalties with teeth for those who continue to treat the horses inhumanely or capture them out of permitted seasons or areas.

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Bob Henderson, president of WHOA, says horses have the right to remain free.

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"We are not saying no to horse capture, if you believe in the environment (like the members of WHOA do) then you have to accept we need to control the numbers of wild horses. We are not treehuggers, against any type of capture, we are realistic," said Henderson.

He said people are still misunderstanding WHOA's mission statement.

In the past few weeks, Henderson has received calls from people who think WHOA is against any type of horse capture and that is not the case.

"I've had hunters call, who are against us, saying wild horses encroach on elk, moose and mule deer. This is not true."

Henderson has watched many instances where horses break trail for the elk, moose and deer. He has watched horses clear snow for forage. He has seen elk and moose feeding with horses in their herds.

"I have seen areas, that as soon as horses were taken out, the brush grew up and elk stopped coming into the area. When I hear this argument, that horses encroach on elk, I explain this to them and their only argument goes out the window," said Henderson.

Another misconception by the government is that free roaming horses are damaging trees.

"I've had them (land management and fish and wildlife officers) tell me the horses are out there wrecking the trees, and I tell them, you should go out there and see what Sunpine (a local logging company) is doing," said one member of WHOA.

Henderson will be making presentations for 4-H groups and he continues to accept invitations to schools.

WHOA still plans to enlist the help of a local university to determine accurate numbers of horses in the area and their lineage (to see if these horses are related to Spanish mustangs).

WHOA also plans to meet with some local First Nations people to enlist their support as horses are an integral part of their heritage.

Don Livingston, land management officer for the Clearwater Forest Area, reported a count of free roaming horses has just been concluded and they have counted 20 per cent more horses in the area than last year.

"The numbers of horses in the area are still in line with the 20 year average," said Livingston.

WHOA said according to their counts the number of horses in the area are dwindling. WHOA would like to conduct a count of the horses this spring with the help of all their members and maybe do an aerial count.

"People do care - if they see something wrong happening they are beginning to report it, where

they never did in the past," said Henderson. He is confident WHOA will garner more support with every person who learns about wild horses.

"If we stick to our objectives they (the government) are going to listen to us. Who can argue the facts?"

Horse Capture Regulations are currently under review and the Department of Sustainable Resource Development has not yet decided what changes, if any, are necessary for this legislation.

Henderson encourages people to call or write their MLAs or contact the Department of Sustainable Resource Development toll free at 310-0000, to express their opinion of the Horse Capture Regulations.

To become a member of WHOA or schedule a presentation for your group or school, contact Henderson at 556-6167 or write to: WHOA Box 614, Didsbury, AB. T0M-0W0. Memberships are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for families.

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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: My son is just over a year old. I quit my job when he was born, believing it was the right thing to do, but lately our finances have been so tight that I'm seriously considering going back to work. What are your feelings about putting a child of this age in day care?

DR. DOBSON: Let me begin by saying that I understand the struggle you're facing. When our firstborn was 2 years old, I was finishing my doctoral work at the University of Southern California. Every available dollar was needed to support my tuition and related expenses. Although we didn't want Shirley to work when Danae was young, we felt we had no alternative.

Shirley taught school and our little girl was taken to a day-care center each morning. One day when we arrived at the facility, Danae began to cry uncontrollably. "No! No! No, Daddy!" she said to me.

She had a look of terror in her eyes, and I suspected that she had been very upset the last time she was there. I could only imagine what had happened. I turned and walked back to the car carrying my precious daughter. When we were alone, I said, "Danae, I promise that you will never have to stay there again."

And she never did. I share this to underscore the point that though I'm sympathetic with your financial anxieties, I'd still advise you to avoid the day-care option if at all possible. My opinion on this subject is based on hard data.

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has conducted the most comprehensive study of this issue to date. More than 1,100 mothers and children and 10 premier child-care sites across the United States were evaluated when the children were 6, 15, 24 and 36 months of age.

Preliminary findings confirm that leaving a very young child in a day-care facility is associated with less sensitive mothering and child engagement. The child also tends to react less positively to the mother. In other words, the bond between mother and child is affected somewhat negatively by early day-care experience, especially if the mother tends by nature to be insensitive.

QUESTION: Do you have any practical suggestions for couples who are serious about making the effort to live on one income? How can they avoid bankruptcy?

DR. DOBSON: There may be a way to get it done. Donna Partow, author of "Homemade Business," has offered specific advice about starting your own business, which could involve desktop publishing, pet grooming, sewing, consulting, transcribing legal documents or even getting into mail-order sales.

Choosing the right business is the first of three preparatory steps. Consider taking a personal-skills-and-interest inventory to identify your abilities and to discover what you might enjoy doing. The second step is to do your homework.

Begin by asking your librarian to help you research your chosen field. Look up books, magazines and newspaper articles.

Talk to other people who have done what you are considering. Join an industry organization and a network. Subscribe to industry publications. According to Mrs. Partow, the third step is to garner as much support as you can.

Get your children, your spouse and your friends on your side. Then marshal your resources and go for it. Before telling me why this alternative is impossible in light of your circumstances, let me tell you about the Van Wingerden family in Colorado Springs, Colo. They have 22 children, 12 of them adopted and 10 born to Lynn, the mother.

They own a strawberry farm and all the children old enough to work are involved in it. Believe it or not, Mrs. Van Wingerden homeschools all the kids personally. The family is highly organized and structured, with the teenagers having specific and rotating responsibilities for routine tasks and for the care of the youngsters. Visiting their home is a delight. The Van Wingerdens prove that many things are possible for those who set their minds to it.

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Hypnotist Marc Savard headlines grad fundraiser

Support the Didsbury High School Grad Class of 2003 in an evening of interactive entertainment on Wednesday, February 19th, 2003. Doors Open at 6:30. Show begins at 7:30. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

Revolutionizing the hypnosis world is what the "Power of Suggestion" tour stage production is all about. Seconds before show-time, the lights go out, smoke pours in, followed by the incredibly unique music score. The computerized light show now electrifies the room as heart rates increase. Swept in the moment of busy bright lights and breathtaking music, the journey has, begun. Pyrotechnics accompany an entrance by Hypnotist Marc Savard. It is time for our vol-

unteers to experience the "Power of Suggestion".

Marc's extended knowledge of hypnosis and it's processes are more than sufficient to ease the tension of our awaiting 'stars'. Volunteers are now invited on stage and it's time to momentarily change their world. The Power of Suggestion's performance content is respectful, intriguing, and very powerful. Marc Savard and his team take pride in creating fresh, humorous and mind-boggling scenarios on stage for the audience pleasure.

You can be sure to expect the volunteers on stage to interact with the audience members in Marc's performance. Everyone is involved in a "Power of Suggestion" production. There is nowhere to hide.

The "Power of Suggestions" mind power demonstrations throughout the show will amaze everyone and there is always a finish. In anticipation to the grande finale, everyone is expecting something very powerful and intense. Hypnotist Marc Savard will definitely deliver. He always leaves with a bang, well, more appropriately, a smash.

When you finally see the performance, it will all make sense. School Program Fundraising is something Hypnotist Marc Savard has always believed in and he performs 100-150 of these across Canada. Savard Hypnosis Inc. can be contacted for more information at 1-888-551-MIND or on the World Wide Web at www.savardhypnosis.com.

Basketball season starts at DHS

It's hard to believe that we are already in the second semester of this school year. Report cards were issued on February 4. A reminder to parents to please complete and send your survey back to the school.

All the teams are off to a great start this season. We would like to thank our community coaches, Mr. Greg Roberts and Mr. Terry Luft, for helping out again this year. Also, thank you to our teacher coaches for all their hard work. Without their support and assistance, we would not have the teams that we do.

Sr. Girls Basketball Team

Coach: Miss Jill Anderson
Elizabeth Blakely, Jennifer Pride, Laura Redmond, Meg Neufeld, Sarah Houben, Denise Papineau, Catriona Richmond, Michelle Wittal, Sarah Thompson, Kathryn Simon, Sarah Code, Sarah Kemmere.

Sr. Boys Basketball Team

Coaches: Mr. Terry Luft, Mr. Greg Roberts
Josh Braun, Dennis

Patterson, Logan Luft, Justin Braun, Randy Evenson, Adam Dingman, Jonathan Renggli, Allen Ta, David Patterson, Ben May, Sam Baker, Troy Tucker, Kenny Deboice, Hayden Strangward.

Jr. Girls Basketball Team

Coaches: Tina Heistad, Amanda Grafen

Carly Dietrich, Lindsey Howden, Amanda Braun, Melissa Kruse, Jolene Shultz, Cassandra Dietrich, Stephanie Miller, Jodi Wong, Kayla Timmens, Dulcie Rieder, Paula Overguard, Lisa Misener.

Jr. Boys Basketball Team

Coaches: Mr. Todd Klein, Mr. Brian McCarger
Mike Poffenroth, Justin Martell, Mitch McCarger, Nathan Crosby, Shane Jacobs-

Seddon, Joel Couture, Matt May, Taylor Lyschirka, Justin Schmidt, Matt Steckly, Jonathan Lefebvre, Bretton Cameron.

This year's Grad committee has decided that the Class of 2003 celebration

will be held on the 24th of May. The Theme this year is Medieval - Renaissance.

The Grad pictures will be taken on February 20-21, the sitting fee is \$15.00.

Two important events will take place as Grad fundraisers: The Hypnotist Show and Silent Auction will be held on February 19.

Tickets are \$8.00 or \$10.00 at the door. If anyone has donations for the auction please contact the school.

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Rev. Robert Mohs

Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656

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Worship: 10:30a.m.

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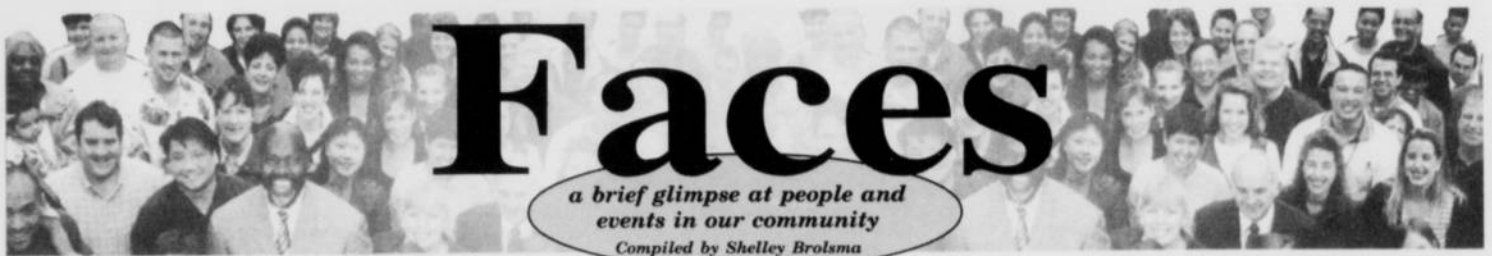
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*a brief glimpse at people and
events in our community*
Compiled by Shelley Brolsma

Popularity of Push Broom Curling soars

Good news for the sport of Push Broom Curling might be bad news for anyone wishing to participate in the 2nd Annual Bonspiel this weekend in Didsbury.

Anyone who may have been considering entering the popular spiel this Saturday, February 16th, will unfortunately be out of luck due to the recent surge in popularity the sport is currently experiencing.

Co-organizer, Carson Schultz, says more and more participants who previously may have had to give up the sport for various health reasons such as back and knee injuries are finding themselves back in action thanks to Push Broom Curling.

"It's a lot like shuffleboard on ice except that we play with six rocks each instead of four," explains Schultz.

Schultz says that if registra-

tion in the 2nd Annual Push Broom Bonspiel is any indication, the alternative curling style is definitely catching on. "We have teams coming from Eagle Hill, Carstairs, Olds and Innisfail. The response has just been fantastic." In keeping with the demand for push broom curling practices, Schultz anticipates a league will be started next year. "Right now there are about 24 males and females

from Didsbury involved with it and we expect that will likely grow..."

If anyone would like to come out and watch the 2nd Annual Push Broom Bonspiel, the first draw will be at 9:00 am with the event set to finish at approximately 4:30 pm. Sponsors for the Bonspiel include: ATB Financial, Mountain View Credit Union, Fas Gas Service, Didsbury, and RPM Automotive.



Carson Schultz

Didsburian trains for Half Ironman



Lawna Mackie

You won't find Lawna Mackie in the house at 6:00 am on a frigid, dark, February morning. To her, it's the perfect time to run her 10 km route around town with her dog Bear- part of the training regime she's adapted in preparation for the Great White North Triathlon she plans to participate in this July.

The Half Ironman Triathlon, set to take place in and around Stony Plain on July 5th involves a two kilometre swim in Hubbles Lake, 90 kilometre bike ride and 22 kilometre run. While the distances may seem intimidating to most, 34-year-old Mackie is confident the six month training schedule she's set out for herself will be enough to see her cross the finish

line. "This is one of those accomplishments of a lifetime that I've always wanted to do...something that I can look back on. As long as I have my health I don't have any doubts that I can do this...it's always 80 per cent mental conditioning anyway."

Mackie, a personal trainer herself, prepares for the physical portion of the competition by running four to five days per week (including a weekend run of 22 km), swimming 90 lengths four times a week and biking on an indoor windtrainer 1 - 1.5 hours a week. "I like to run with my dog Bear (an 8-year-old Malamute). We're like bats...we both enjoy the dark and the cold, but it works for us..."

Besides having a positive mental outlook and strict exercise program, Mackie will use past experience to guide her in her preparations for July. "I did this event two years ago, so I sort of know what to expect although every race can be so different," she says adding weather always plays a key role in overall performance. "The last time I did this the weather was horrible...cold and rainy for the swim in the morning, then hail for the bike ride and hot and sunny for the run. You just never know what you're going to get."

Mackie credits her ability to use visualization as a major asset to her finishing the competition that year.

"The weather was actually so

bad that the organizers of the event were considering to cancel. But weather can't be a factor...I trained in snow and sleet anyway. You just have to decide to go with it," Mackie explains.

"While I was doing the race I was visualizing my training routes and just told myself that this is no different than swimming at the pool, or biking and running around Didsbury...It really works for me."

Rigorous training and conditioning aside, Mackie maintains that her ability to complete the course will once again rest in the support she receives from family and friends. "My husband, my friend and my dog are all very motivating factors for me. Knowing they are there helps me believe that I can reach that finish line."

Take your sweetheart dancing this Valentine's Day

Sometimes chocolates and flowers just aren't enough. That's when it's time to shine up your dancing shoes and take your sweetheart for a spin!

That's what the organizers of the 1st Annual Sweethearts Dinner and Dance would have everyone do this Saturday, February 15th at the Rugby Hall, with good reason. "Tickets are just \$15.00 per person and includes a hot meal (roast beef and/or ham), a live band and

dancing until midnight," says Co-organizer Dave Kyncl.

Besides being a lot of fun, the event is also a fundraiser for "Country Critters" 4-H Canine Club whose members hope to use the money to buy new training mats for their members to practice on with their dogs.

"We are just trying to raise enough so that the Club can afford to purchase some mats to make it safer for the dogs to

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train...the ones we are currently using are borrowed from somebody else," explains Kyncl.

The non-competitive 4-H Canine Club works with participants and their dogs on such concepts as dog obedience and agility.

Club meetings are held regularly at Kyncl's farm west of Didsbury which features a newly constructed and designed dog obstacle course and which is also home to Winauby

Kennels. Participants come from everywhere across the region including Carstairs, Crossfield, Cremona, Didsbury, Sundre, Westward Ho and Eagle Hill.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for the Sweethearts Dinner and Dance can do so by calling 335-8767 or 337-2949. Sponsors for the event include Stan's Barber, Mountain View Pet Resort and Winauby Kennels.



Bea Niedersteiner

Memories of Don Messer rekindled on bus trip

Those looking to rekindle their love for Don Messer this Valentine's day will be pleased to hear about the latest bus trip being organized in town.

This Friday, February 14th, the Didsbury Community Bus will be departing from the 5-0 Club to travel to Airdrie for the "Memories of Don Messer Jubilee" performance taking place at the Bert Church Theatre.

Co-organizer, Bea Niedersteiner, says the excursion will be well worth the price of admission. "This event features the six man Heritage Band along with duets by Marg and Charley and features colourful buchta-style dancers plus sensational step dancing."

And there's more. "We wanted to promote this as a kind of 'entertain your sweet-

heart' outing and will be stopping at the Taste of Ginger restaurant in Airdrie before we head over to the theatre...it should be a good time," says Niedersteiner.

Tickets for the outing are just \$33.00 and can be obtained by calling either Bea Niedersteiner at 335-3058 or Gen Fahlmer at 335-3449. Anyone interested in taking in the show can board the bus

at 4:00 pm sharp at the Didsbury 5-0 Club.

Future Community Bus Trips include another excursion to the Cash Casino in Calgary on February 28th at 10:00 am.

"This seems to be a real popular trip with the folks here in town," Niedersteiner notes. Tickets for this event are \$10.00 each (including lunch).

Agricore willing to "gift" last elevator

F.O.R.C.E.S. continue efforts for elevator

After a five month wait, F.O.R.C.E.S. (Friends Of Rescuing the Carstairs' Elevator Society) has just received news that the last elevator in Carstairs is available to the people of Carstairs as a "gift".

Agricore United who had put the elevator up for tender, contacted the group this past week. Their offer was received very enthusiastically by the members of F.O.R.C.E.S. at their regular meeting on Tuesday night (Jan.21). F.O.R.C.E.S. is currently reviewing the offer.

Agricore would like to "Gift" the elevator to Carstairs, but will need a \$20,000 bond (a good faith gesture to hold the building and prevent it from being torn down.) Once the land is secured from CP Rail by F.O.R.C.E.S., Agricore will return the \$20,000 bond. Currently, there are some details to work out with CP Rail, but there has been good communication.

F.O.R.C.E.S. is very excited by recent events and currently is developing a five year plan. These plans will include fundraising events as well as community events that will make the elevator available to the community of Carstairs. The ideas are limitless!

The group is determined to make the elevator a viable entity and will not be looking for any local tax dollars. Grant money options are very possible and will be researched. Business and private donations have already been offered. Corporate donations may be an option as well.

First and foremost, we must save this monument to our rural way of life.

By preserving it we will leave a legacy for the next generation. Our elevator is one of only about 40 remaining in Alberta, when there was once 1,759 dotting the Alberta landscape. The Alberta Grain Elevator Society feels that they will be very fortunate to save a dozen!

Initially, restoration tasks will be to dry clean the inside, secure a paint job, and work towards long range plans to install a sprinkler system.

These types of actions will insure the preservation of our elevator for many years. Once this is accomplished there is an unlimited number of ideas to make this unique building self sufficient. For example, educational tours for our students will help keep this part of our proud farming heritage alive. How much more exciting to visit a real elevator than to just read about it in books!

Because of the impact of the grain elevators in the surrounding area, F.O.R.C.E.S. is considering the possibility of having it deemed as a historical site, (even though it was built in 1976). The first elevator was built in 1909 and this is the last of the "group of 7" that graced our skyline in Carstairs. This designation will greatly benefit our town, as well as making it a potential tourist destination. This will overflow to other businesses in our community. Carstairs seems to need that one special thing to set us apart - to put us on the map. Well it's standing straight, tall and noble along the very rail track that encouraged the development of our town.

Grain elevators in our surrounding towns have been systematically destroyed - one by one. If they were a species they would be on the endangered list! F.O.R.C.E.S. feels very strongly that we must not sit quietly by while this happens to ours.

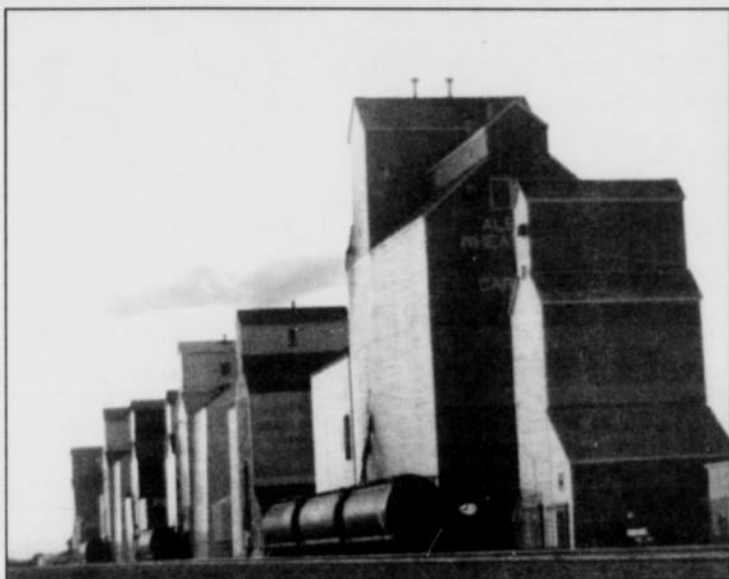
We are grateful for the tremendous amount of support received to date which is helping us save our elevator from certain destruction. Many people from surrounding towns have offered to help us keep the Carstairs elevator as they are saddened by the loss of theirs. We have had letters, pictures and donations from all over Alberta. Support continues to come in from other parts of Canada as well (even as far away as Ontario).

Of course, there is much to do, your help is needed. Donations will now be accepted by the group payable to F.O.R.C.E. Society, please mail to Box 1247, Carstairs AB T0M 0N0. The possibility of selling \$500.00 investment bonds towards the purchase of the land is being explored.



photo courtesy of F.O.R.C.E.S.

The last remaining elevator in Carstairs patiently awaits its destiny.



Carstairs skyline in the 1940's is dominated by a stately row of seven grain elevators.

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AROUND THE CIRCLE

Winter Festival starts Feb. 15

by Marge St. Clair

Wed. Feb. 12

The monthly pot luck dinner will be held at the 5-0 Club at 12:30 p.m. Bring your favorite recipe and enjoy!

Thurs. Feb. 13

The annual general meeting of the Hospital Auxiliary will start at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital. Everyone welcome.

Thurs. Feb. 13

Plan to attend the first in a series of "Brown Bag Travel" at the Didsbury Library at 12:00 noon sharp. Feature "Summer in Denali Park, Alaska."

There will also be a showing at 7:00 p.m. (please bring popcorn).

Fri. Feb. 14

Knox United Thrift Shop, now located on Main Street North welcomes one and all to the grand opening from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 14

Support the Chamber of Commerce by having lunch and hearing a speaker from the Workmen's Compensation Board at Eldon Foote Hall (Train Station) from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 14

Cribbage starts at 7:00 p.m. in Eldon Foote Hall. Enjoy cards and goodies in a non smoking environment.

Fri. Feb. 14

The Didsbury Community Bus is "sold out" for the Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie with the program "Memories of Don Messer". If you would like to attend please phone 948-2153 to see if there is any

seats left. On Fri. Feb. 28, the bus is going to Cash Casino Calgary leaving the 5-0 Centre at 10:00 a.m. Phone Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 to reserve your seat (very few left).

Sat. Feb. 15

Winter Festival weekend in Didsbury. Bring the children to the MP Room at the Complex to be entertained by Deano the Magic Man from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. in the MP Room young people 18 yrs. & older will be entertained by Yuk Yuks, tickets at the Town Office or Aquatic Centre. Sun. morning at Kinsmen Park (23rd St.) weather permitting, if not at the MP Room a Toonie Breakfast will be held from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Public skating will be held from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Then it will be Family Pizza Night from 5 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. & skating. On Family Holiday Monday, the name of the new sports park will be announced and a Celebrity Hockey Game will be held from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Beef on a Bun from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the MP Room will wind up the Family Weekend Activities.

Sat. Feb. 15

Lone Pine Hall will welcome all families to the alcohol free Family Dance, starting with Hot Dogs from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., dancing from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. with lots of prizes. Please phone 335-9925 or 337-2223 for all info.

Sat. Feb. 15

Rugby Hall is the location for the "Sweetheart Dinner and Dance," tickets and info available by phoning 335-8767 or 337-2949. This is in support of the Country Critters K9 4-H Club. There will be a live band on stage, tickets are also available at Stan's Barber Shop in Didsbury and the Mountain View Pet Resort in Carstairs.

Mon. Feb. 17

The annual general meeting and election of officers for the 5-0 Club. All members please try to attend and shoe your support. Have you renewed your membership for 2003?

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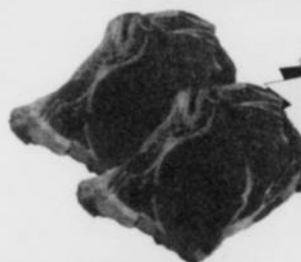
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BIRTHDAY

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OBITUARIES

SVEINSON - Mark Ellis Sveinson died in Red Deer, Alberta on May 26, 2002 at the age of 43 years. A Memorial service was held for the First United Church, Salmon Arm, on Monday afternoon, June 3rd, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Will Sparks officiating. Jack Kappes gave the eulogy, and Libby Ansel, Helen Down and Roger Hoekstra shared tributes. Special music was provided by Daryl Auten and by the First United Church Choir. Born in Edmonton, Alberta on September 15, 1958. Mark lived and worked a life with many union jobs as a pipe fitter, most recently in the Fort McMurray area. He is well remembered for his love of hunting, fishing, trap & skeet shooting and drag racing. In his quiet times Mark spent time with his art and carvings. Mark is survived by his daughter, Melissa Paul of Big Valley, grandson, Tristan James Paul, his loving parents, Tom and Helen Sveinson of Salmon Arm, two sisters, Sydney (Frank van der Breggen) Sveinson of Red Wood Meadows, Alberta, their two children, Alex and Lara; Marla (James) Felker of Calgary, their three children, Dylan, Emily and Nicholas; also his grandmother Louise Feniak of Edmonton. Memorial donations in memory of Mark may be sent to the Salvation Army Food Bank. Expressions of sympathy for the family may be sent to sympathy@bowersfuneralservice.com. A memorial service for Mark was also held at Don & Gwen Day's Silver Willow Pheasant Farm, Carstairs & a family gathering in Red Deer in memory of Mark. Funeral arrangements with cremation are in the care of Bowers Funeral Home and Crematorium, Salmon Arm.



POFFENROTH, ALFRED CONRAD 1923-2003 - Alf Poffenroth of Didsbury, Alberta passed away at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary on Saturday, February 1, 2003 at the age of 79. He was dearly loved by his wife Martha, and although she will miss him, she drew comfort from his peaceful homegoing. His children: Ken (Judy), Les (Marilyn), Phyllis (Real), Don (Sherri), Ron (Rosanne), Wayne (Vickie) and Bev (Byron) surrounded him and released him to walk into eternity. Alf was the happy grandfather of 22 and a proud great grandfather of 5; the youngest just two days old. Grampa will be missed at our family gatherings but we will remember him for the good times we shared together and our times of laughter and fun. We remember his sense of humor, quick wit, words of wisdom and deep love. Alf was predeceased by his first wife, Winona in 1977 and his mother in 1995. The family is grateful for the care Alf received in the Didsbury Hospital and for the wisdom of Dr. Putz. We appreciate the transport abilities of the Stars Air Ambulance team. We would also like to thank the Doctors and Nurses of the Trauma Unit for their kindness and care for our husband, Dad and Grampa. A celebration was held in honor of Alf and our Lord Jesus Christ on Thursday, February 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury. If desired, memorial donations may be made in memory of Alf to Camp Silversides, Box 519 Bentley, Alberta T0C 0J0. Personal Alternative Funeral Services of Red Deer in charge of arrangements.

CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank the Didsbury Hospital in particular the Emergency Room staff & the nurses in the north wing and Dr. Smith for the excellent care I received. Thank you very much. Mary Kline.

My sincere thanks to the kind gentlemen who assisted me when I fell on the sidewalk in Didsbury before Christmas. You comforted me and called the ambulance. Thank you. Hazel Hogg.

Many thanks to my friends & neighbors for the flowers, cards & visits while in hospital. A special thank you to my family. Hazel Hogg.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Roy Everett Dowell passed away peacefully at the Didsbury & District Health Center on February 6, 2003 at the age of 76 years. Funeral services will be on Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Hall, Carstairs. Arrangements by Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Olds-Didsbury.

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Bus Trip

Fri. Feb. 28, 2003 to Cash Casino. Cost \$10.00. Bus leaves 5-0 Club at 10:00. Please call Bea, 335-3058 or Gen, 335-3449.

Photography

A group of photo enthusiasts have started a photo club which meets the first Wed. of the month. If you are interested call Carla at 556-7510 or Richard at 335-3301 between 9 and 5.

DIDSBURY

Dinner and Dance

Come and support you local 4-H club. We are having a Sweethearts dinner and dance on February 15, 2003 at Rugby Hall. For tickets call 335-8767 or 337-2949.

Dinner Theatre

Annual Dinner Theatre for Didsbury Skating Club on Feb. 14 at the MP Room. Tickets \$20/ea. Call Lisa 335-9493 or Shannon 335-4823 or Mountain View Sports Excellence.

CARSTAIRS

Movie Night

"The Climb" - a Billy Graham movie on Friday, Feb. 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Carstairs Community Hall. Admission is free. For more info call 337-2084.

DIDSBURY

Grand Opening

The Know United Church Thrift Shop will be having their Grand Opening on Fri. Feb. 14, 2003. Everyone welcome.

WESTERDALE

Meeting

Westerdale Community Association Annual meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Westerdale Hall. Everyone welcome.

CREMONA

Group

The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

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DIDSBURY

COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Winter hours: Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Dale Weiss at 335-4726 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting- Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

DIDSBURY

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge#21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

The Didsbury Preschool Society is currently accepting on-going registrations for children 3 to 5 years old to our preschool program. For more information or to register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

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DIDSBURY

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more information call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

DRUMHELLER

SUPPORT GROUP

The Compassionate Friends is a self help supportive group offering friendship and understanding to parents who have experienced the death of a child. Meetings are held the last Thurs. of each month (except Dec.) at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3 of the Drumheller Hospital. For more info call Shirley 823-3001 or Linda 823-4565.

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